

WORKSHOP NOTICE

METCALF ENERGY CENTER PROJECT PETITION TO AMEND AIR QUALITY CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION (99-AFC-3C)

Purpose: The California Energy Commission staff will hold a workshop to discuss the Staff Analysis published for the Metcalf Energy Center petition to amend air quality conditions of certification related to commissioning, startup, and shutdown of the project's generation equipment. Staff of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District have also been asked to attend. This workshop will provide an opportunity for members of the public, the applicant or any interested party to discuss the Staff Analysis. If you are unable to participate in person, written comments may be sent to the project manager electronically by FAX to (916)654-3882, or by e-mail [smunro@energy.state.ca.us] or via regular mail, to Steve Munro, California Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, MS 2000, Sacramento, CA 95814. In order to be considered, written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2005.

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2005

Schedule: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (or earlier if workshop is completed)

Location: Coyote Grange Hall
412 Monterey Road
Coyote, CA

(Wheelchair Accessible)

(Map enclosed)

Petition Summary: On November 17, 2004, the California Energy Commission received a petition from Metcalf Energy Center, LLC, (MEC, LLC) to amend the Energy Commission Decision for the Metcalf Energy Center Project (the Project).

The Project is a 600 megawatt combined cycle power plant located in the City of San Jose in Santa Clara County. The Project was certified by the Energy Commission on September 24, 2001, construction is currently more than 90 percent completed and the project is expected to go on-line in June 2005.

Energy Commission staff reviewed the petition and assessed the impacts on environmental quality and public health and safety. The proposed modifications to the air quality conditions of certification would increase emission limits in order to allow MEC, LLC to conduct initial commissioning operations, routine startups and

shutdowns, and periodic tuning operations of the generation equipment. The Staff Analysis concludes that the requested revisions are prudent and would not cause any significant air quality impacts or require additional mitigation. The amendment does not request any revisions to particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emission limits, and would not cause exceedances of attainment pollutants (CO and NO₂) or significantly contribute to exceedances of ozone. Additionally, the amendment does not increase the post-commissioning daily or annual emission limits for the facility. The amended project's non-attainment pollutants remain fully offset through compliance with the existing and amended conditions of certification.

Public Participation: The public is encouraged to participate and provide comments. For information on how to participate, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at [PAO@energy.state.ca.us]. If you require special accommodations, contact Lou Quiroz, at (916) 654-5146, at least five days prior to the workshop.

Questions: This notice, the amendment petition, the Staff Analysis and other related documents have been posted on the Energy Commission's website at [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/metcalf/compliance/index.html>]. The Staff Analysis is enclosed for your information and review, and a map showing the workshop location is also enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Munro, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3936.

DATE: February 9, 2005

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